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PATENT APPLICATION

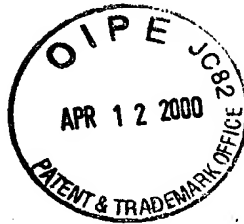
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Jean-Noel THOREL et al.

Application No.: 08/860,231

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For: NUTRIENT MEDIUM WHICH CAN BE USED AS A CULTURE
MEDIUM FOR EPIDERMAL CELLS AND APPLICATIONS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 13, 1999, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 96-111 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter
contained therein.

Please amend claim 87 as follows:

87. (Amended) The method of claim 86, wherein said complex nutrient medium
constitutes an excipient and said excipient potentiates an active principal.

Please add the following new claims 115-129:

--115. The method of claim 40, wherein said composition consists essentially of
water and water-soluble components.--

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